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MAY 1963

*Card*  
Honorable U. Alexis Johnson  
Deputy Under Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Except for the slight modifications suggested below, I generally approve the draft of the National Disclosure Policy prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 2125 and forwarded to this Agency by your memorandum of 19 April 1963.

It is noted with approval that the draft National Disclosure Policy incorporates by reference, the agreements of 1958 between the Secretaries of State and Defense with the Director of Central Intelligence which relate to the release of national and interdepartmental intelligence to foreign governments.

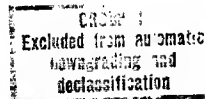
In the interests of emphasizing the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence, under the National Security Act of 1947, As Amended, for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, these changes are recommended:

(1) Under "General Principles" (page 3), introduce a new paragraph D to read: "Nothing herein shall be construed as pre-empting, affecting, modifying or delegating the responsibility vested

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in the Director of Central Intelligence, under the National Security Act of 1947, As Amended, for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. "


(2) Under "Conditions of Disclosure," (Page 4), paragraph A, introduce a new point as A. 3. or A. 4. to read: "The disclosure is not inimical to the protection of United States intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. The decision in this respect rests with the Director of Central Intelligence. "

With these changes, the draft will be entirely satisfactory from my standpoint.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter  
Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

CONCURRENCE:

  
L. K. White  
Deputy Director

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13 MAY 1963

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Director

**THROUGH** : Deputy Director (Support)

**SUBJECT** : Revised National Disclosure Policy

**REFERENCES** : A - Memorandum from ADCI to  
Executive Director, 7 May 1963,  
Same Subject, Attached (Tab A).


B - Draft of United States National  
Disclosure Policy (MFC 206/29;  
Revised 10/4/63). Attached (Tab B).

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 4.

2. General Carter, in Reference A attached (Tab A), expresses concern that the revised National Disclosure Policy (attached as Tab B) is insufficiently emphatic on the responsibility of the DCI to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

3. The proposed reply to the Deputy Under Secretary of State has been rewritten to incorporate the changes General Carter suggests.

4. Recommend the proposed reply to the Deputy Under Secretary of State (Tab C) be presented to the DDGI for his signature.

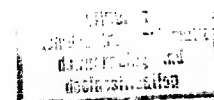
DCI informed  


SIGNED

Shafield Edwards  
Director of Security

**Attachments:**

Tab A  
Tab B  
Tab C



CONCURRENCE:

WALTER W. Bates Boyd

*for* L. K. White  
Deputy Director  
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7 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT : Revised National Disclosure Policy

1. After reading the rather compelling memorandum from the Acting Director of Security, I signed the proposed letter to Secretary Johnson. However, after reading the document itself, I have doubts that it goes far enough into the problem insofar as the responsibilities of the DCI are concerned.

2. Section 102 (d) of Title I of the National Security Act of 1947, As Amended, clearly states, "... That the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;..."

3. As you are aware, there have been a number of flagrant violations of this part of the National Security Act during recent years, and particularly during the Cuban crisis. Nowhere in the proposed disclosure policy do I find any real emphasis, and certainly no adequate emphasis on this responsibility of the DCI. It seems to me that this is so important that it should be stressed right up in the front portion of the proposed policy, and certainly under Section III, "Conditions of Disclosure," it should appear as a subparagraph under paragraph A, probably as A (3) or A (4).

4. Please take another reading on this and have the proper people come in and try to convince me that the proposed policy is satisfactory in its present form. Please do not dispatch my letter \* until I am so convinced.

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Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Acting Director

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3 MAY 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting DCI

THROUGH : Executive Director LDK 6 May  
Deputy Director (Support) *MMW* 5/6/63

SUBJECT : Revised National Disclosure Policy

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 4.

2. The attached draft National Disclosure Policy (Tab B) has been staffed within the Agency and concurred in by the Deputy Director (Intelligence), Deputy Director (Plans), and Deputy Director (Research).

3. The revised National Disclosure Policy is a codification of existing policy governing the disclosure of classified military information to foreign governments. Until 1958 there was an apparent conflict between the authority of the DCI, under NSCID I to disseminate national and interdepartmental intelligence to foreign governments and the authority of the Secretaries of State and Defense (through S-DMICC) to control the release of classified military information, including intelligence to foreign governments. By an exchange of memoranda in 1958 the Secretaries of State and Defense agreed not to exercise any control over the release of national and interdepartmental intelligence which may contain military intelligence. This release authority now rests solely with the DCI and USIB. The agreements are incorporated by reference in the attached revision of the National Disclosure Policy.

4. Recommend your signature on the proposed reply to the Deputy Under Secretary of State (Tab A).

Acting Director of Security

Attachments:

Tab A  
Tab B

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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# DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1963

Dear Mr. McCone:

As you know, the National Security Council, by NSC Action No. 2125 (September 14, 1959) requested the Departments of State and Defense, consulting as appropriate with other agencies, including the Atomic Energy Commission and the Central Intelligence Agency, to prepare a single, up-to-date, comprehensive, self-contained statement of policy on the release of classified military information to foreign governments and international organizations and to transmit such policy statement to the National Security Council for its information.

A working group of the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee has completed a draft of the policy statement requested by the NSC. It has been approved for the Department of State and I hope that you are able to approve it for the Central Intelligence Agency. A copy of the draft policy statement is enclosed.

I shall appreciate your informing me as soon as possible of your approval of this policy statement in order that the Secretary of State may make a responsive reply to the National Security Council letter of March 25, 1963, informing the Council that the appropriate agencies have complied with NSC Actions No. 2125 and No. 2376, and transmit an approved policy statement, as the Council requested.

Sincerely,

*U. Alexis Johnson*  
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Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosure:

Draft National Disclosure Policy.

The Honorable

John A. McCone,  
Director of Central Intelligence.

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CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

L. R. White  
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(Support)

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